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AMENDED CLAIMS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

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14.   (Amended) An image input device for picking

up images of one subject or more by switching of an image

pickup direction, said image input device comprising:

an image pickup unit adapted to pick up an

image of a subject and for outputting an image signal

corresponding to the picked-up image;

an image pickup direction switch adapted to

switch the image pickup direction of said image pickup unit;

a first detection unit adapted to detect an

angle of the image pickup direction;

a storage unit adapted to store [an] the image

signal of one subject or more [when] picked up by said image

pickup unit in accordance with a result that a predetermined

angle is detected by said first detection unit; and

[a control unit adapted to control, at an

arbitrary timing, output of the image signal stored by said

storage unit]

an inhibiting unit adapted to inhibit the

image signal of one subject or more picked up by said image

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pick up unit from being stored when an angle detected by said

first detection unit is different from said predetermined

angle.

18. (Amended) An image input device according to

claim 17, further comprising a control unit adapted to

control output of the image signal stored by said storage

unit wherein said control unit controls said storage unit to

output the stored image signal when said image pickup unit is

shifted from the document image pickup direction to the

person image pickup direction.

20. (Amended) An image input device according to

claim 14, further comprising a control unit adapted to

control output of the image signal stored by said storage

unit wherein said control unit outputs an image signal stored

by said storage unit repeatedly.

21. (Amended) An image input device according to

claim 14, further comprising a control unit adapted to

control output of the image signal stored by said storage

unit wherein said control unit outputs an image signal stored by said storage unit selectively.

22. (Amended) An image input device according to claim 14, further comprising a control unit adapted to control output of the image signal stored by said storage unit wherein said control unit controls so as to output the image signal stored by the storage unit when said predetermined angle is not detected by said detecting unit.

23. (Amended) An image input device according to claim 14, further [for picking up images of a plurality of subjects by switching an image pickup direction, said image input device] comprising:

a mount table for laying a subject thereon;

an image pickup unit adapted to pick up an image of said subject and for outputting an image signal corresponding to the picked-up image;

an image pickup direction switch adapted to switch the image pickup direction of said image pickup unit between a direction for picking up an image of said subject laid on said mount table and another direction;

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a detection unit adapted to detect the image pickup direction of said image pickup unit; and

a storage unit adapted to store the image signal output from said image pickup unit when the image pickup direction of said image pickup unit detected by said detecting unit is the direction for picking up said subject on said mount table; and

a control unit adapted to control, at an arbitrary timing, output of the image signal stored by said storage unit.

28. (Amended) An image input method for picking up an image[s] of a [plurality of] subject[s] by switching an image pickup direction and outputting image signals corresponding to picked-up images of the subjects, the image input method comprising the steps of:

detecting an angle of the image pickup direction; and

[determining whether the detected angle is equal to a predetermined angle; and

controlling, at an arbitrary timing, output of the stored images]

<u>inhibiting the picked-up image of the subject</u>

<u>from being stored when a detected angle is different from</u>

<u>said predetermined angle.</u>

30. (Amended) An image input method according to claim 28, wherein the stored image signals are controlled to be output when the detected angle of the image pickup direction is shifted from an angle corresponding to [the] <u>a</u> document image pickup direction to [the] <u>a</u> person image pickup direction.

31. (Amended) An image input method according to claim 28, <u>further comprising the step of outputting</u> [wherein said controlling step outputs] an image signal stored in said storing step repeatedly.

32. (Amended) An image input method according to claim 28, <u>further comprising the step of outputting</u> [wherein said controlling step outputs] an image signal stored in said storing step selectively.

Please add new claims 33-38 as follows.

--33. An image input device for picking up an image of an object by changing an image pickup direction, said image input device comprising:

a detection unit adapted to detect an angle of the image pickup direction; and

a control unit adapted to change a white balance mode in accordance with a result of said detection unit.

34. An image input device according to claim 33, wherein said control unit controls the white balance mode that a predetermined white balance data is set when the angle of the image pickup direction is detected a predetermined angle by said detection unit.

35. An image input device according to claim 33, wherein said control unit controls auto white balance mode in accordance with a result of said detection unit.

36. An image input method for picking up an image of an object by changing an image pickup direction, the image input method comprising the steps of:

detecting an angle of the image pickup

direction; and

changing a white balance mode in accordance

with a result of said detection unit.

37.   A method according to claim 36, wherein said

controlling step controls a white balance mode that a

predetermined white balance data is set when the angle of the

image pickup direction is a predetermined angle.

38.   A method according to claim 36, wherein said

controlling step controls auto white balance mode in

accordance with a result of said detection step.--